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SUBJECT: HORN OF AFRICA: ETHIO-SOMALI AND ETHIO-SUDANESE
DISPUTES

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SUMMARY: AFTER SUDAN AND SOMALIA REPLIED JULY 4 TO ETHIOPIAN
CHARGES OF PREVIOUS DAY, SUMMIT CREATED AD HOC COMMITTEE TO
ATUDY AND REPORT ON SITUATION I HORN. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING JULY 3 ATTACK BY ETHIOPIA'S CHAIRMAN MENGISTU
(REFTEL) SUMMIT HARD REBUTTALS BY SOMALIA AND SUDAN
(FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID) ON JLY 4.

2. WHILE NEITHER STATEMENT HAS YET BEEN RELEASED, DELEGATES
REORTED THAT SOMALIA MADE STRONG, IMVECTIVE-LADEN REPLY
WHICH ACCUSED EPMG OF "BLACK IMPERIALISM", MASSACRES,
SUPPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND RAISING OF 300,000 MAN
MILITIA TO CRUSH OPPOSITION. SOMALIS REPORTEDLY COMPARED
MASSACRES OF STUDENTS IN ADDIS ABABA WITH SOUTH AFRICAN
MASSACRES IN SOWETO AND, ACCORDIN TO ONE ACCOUNT, REFERRED
TO MENGISTU AS "MURDERER". SOMALIS REPORTEDLY ALSO
SCORED EPMG FOR PAST SUPPORT OF FRENCH IN DJIBOUTI
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AND FOR HAVING DESIGNS ON NEW NATION. (COMMENT:
MENGISUT REPORTEDLY SAT CALMLY THROUGH ENTIRE DIATRIBE.)

2. SUDAN'S FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID REPORTEDLY MADE STONG
PINT BY POINT RESPONSE TO ETHIOPIAN CHARGES. HE RAISED
ILLEGAL ACTION OF ERITREAN ASSEMBLY IN TERMINATING
ERITREA'S SPECIAL STUTUS UNDER 1952 UN DECISION AND

REPORTEDLY STRESSED EPMG BRUTALITY AND VIOLATIONS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. SUMMIT APPOINTED COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF ZAMBI, SIERRA
LEONE, TOGO, ALGERIA, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, ZAIRE, CAMEROON
AND GABON TO STUDY AND REPORT ON MATTER.
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